

The message below is intended to be a listserv message to district test coordinators. The most frequently asked questions we are getting right now deal with the field test and the information I've provided below addresses those questions. Diane and Jeff, can you please verify the dates noted in this message and also the recommended test schedule times for each session?? I would like to get this message out this week if possible. Thank you

District Test Coordinators:

Once again this year we will conduct MAP manuals meetings in March concerning the administration of the 2005 MAP assessments. We will send out a mailing to District Test Coordinators the first week of February regarding the dates and locations for these manual meetings. As you are aware we will be field testing the new expanded MAP assessments during the week immediately following this year's MAP test window. During the MAP manuals meetings in March the MAP Regional Facilitators will be able to address some field test questions. Prior to the March manual meetings, however, we wanted to pass along some information that will help you do some advance planning for the field tests.

### **Important Dates for the Spring 2005 Field Test**

Test Coordinator's Packets Arrive in Districts

April 5- April 8, 2005

Test Materials Arrive in Districts by

April 18, 2005

Field Test Window

May 2-6, 2005

Deadline for Return of Testing Materials

Contact CTB/McGraw-Hill to schedule pickup by May 9, 2005

### **Test Design and Recommended Testing Schedule**

**Math:** The new expanded MAP mathematics assessments will be two session tests at all grades (grades 3-8 and grade 10). The recommended test schedule time for session one at grades 3, 5, 6 and 7 is 50 to 70 minutes. The recommended test schedule time for session one in grades 4, 8 and 10 is 75 to 100 minutes. Grades 4, 8 and 10 will continue to have a performance event in session one and, thus, more test-taking time is being recommended. The recommended test schedule time for session two is 40 minutes for all grades.

**Communication Arts:** The new expanded MAP communication arts assessments at grades 4, 5, 6 and 8 will have two sessions. The recommended test schedule time for this session is 40 to 60 minutes. The recommended test-taking time for session two for these grades is approximately 100 minutes. There is no writing prompt in the communication arts assessments at grade 4, 5, 6 and 8. The communication arts assessments for grades 3, 7 and 11 will continue to have three sessions and the assessments at these grades will include writing prompt. The recommended test-taking time for session one in grades 3, 7 and 11 is 40 to 60 minutes. The recommended test-taking time for session two (the writing prompt session) is 60 to 90 minutes. The recommended test-taking time for session three is approximately 100 minutes.